1/17/68 Dear John- You are keeping secrets from me and should not. You have said nothing about the cab affair or, more important, what you know about the contract. I have been told that you were with your bar friend two nights ago, conversing openly with him about it and reporting two pickups in connection with it -with one of the central characters right there. I have also been told that Rye originally sought you on this. That was weeks ago.

I have written Jess Unruh. If Lil is up to retyping it by mail time tomorrow, or if I have to go in town afterward, I'll enclose a copy. You can see how I've written TIME and Remparts. I've challenged Sparrow and the London Times Literary Supplement.

Have you any thoughts on the contract? Or the company's involvement?

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